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THEATRE ROYAL.

On MONDAY next, April 14, will be presented (for the Fourth time) The New Comic Opera of

THE FAIR AMERICAN.

Written by Mr PIRON, Author of several Favourite Dramatic Pieces, As now performing at the Theatre-Royal, Drury-Lane, with distinguished approbation.

With new Scenery, Dresses, and proper Decorations.

Admiral Dreadnought, Mr MOSS;
Old Bale, Mr JOHNSON;
Carbine, Mr HALLION;
Summers, Mr Tannet; Boreas, Mr Simpson; Fribourg, Mr Benson; Groom, Mr J. Bland;
And Colonel Mountford, Mr GRIST.
Rachel, Mrs SPARKS;
Miss Bale, Mrs Henderson; Miss Kitty Dreadnought, Mrs Burdan; Mrs Bently, Mrs Mountfort; Miss Melcombe, Mrs Mills;
And the Fair American, Miss FARREN.

To which will be added, (for the last time this season) a Pantomime Entertainment, called,

ROBINSON CRUSOE,
OR
HARLEQUIN FRIDAY.

Friday, in the character of Harlequin, Mr BANKS;
Pantaloon, Mr Sparks; Clown, Mr Simpson; French Lover, Mr James; Pierrot, Mr Hallion;
And Columbine, Mrs TANNETT.
Master of the Ship, Mr WOODS;
Lieutenant, (with a Sea-Song in Character) Mr BELL;
Witch, Mr Sutherland; Cook, Mr Bland, jun. Invalid, Mr J. Bland;
And Robinson Crusoe, Mr FOWLER.
Shepherdesses, Mrs Woods, Mrs Mountfort, Mrs Mills, Miss Parker, and Mrs Walcot.

With the ORIGINAL SAVAGE DANCE,
And a DANCE by the Characters.

On WEDNESDAY next, April 16. will be presented, THE TRAGEDY OF

VENICE PRESERV'D;
OR,
A PLOT DISCOVER'D.

For a Charitable Purpose.

The Part of PIERRE by HOUSTON STUART NICHOLSON, Esq.

With an EPILOGUE.

TO be Sold by JOHN BROWN at his Warehouse near Quality-Street, Leith,

A Parcel of LEMONS, and high coloured ORANGES, in CHESTS and HALF CHESTS.

ST KATHERINE'S PRUNES,
FRENCH PRUNES.
SWEET ALMONDS.
TURKEY FIGS.

The Fruits are all fresh, and in good condition.

Just arrived for Seed,

SOME VERY FINE OATS,
BARLEY,
BEANS,
And POTATOES.

Apply to Gavin Kempt and Company, Leith.

SEED OATS.

FINE DUTCH SEED OATS, just now imported, to be sold by Mr JOHN KELLY, Kirkgate, Leith.

THERE is now OPEN FOR SALE, at JOHN NEALL and SON'S Warehouse, Lower end of the City Guard,

A Quantity of PRINTED COTTONS, MUSLINS, GAUZES, RIBBONS, LACES, and LUTESTRINGS, which will be sold much below the usual prices, for ready money only.

Locks, Hinges, Cast Lath Nails, &c.

W. BRAIDWOOD, Ironmonger, near Herriot's Entry, Grass-Market, Edinburgh, has now on hand a large assortment of Locks, Hinges, Desk and Drawer Mounting, Tools, Coffin Mounting, Nails, Wood-screws, and all other Hardware articles necessary for joiners, cabinet-makers, smiths, and builders.—The prices are very moderate; and an abatement is made to tradesmen and dealers, which they will find worthy of their attention.

Among the above is a parcel of Cast Lath Nails, of a fine soft quality, which are recommended to builders as being fitter for the purpose than wrought iron nails, and considerably cheaper.

Edinburgh, 10th April 1783.

THIS day was held here a Meeting of respectable Citizens, in order to consider the present mode of electing the Town-Council and Representative in Parliament for this City.—The Meeting unanimously made choice of WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Liberton, Esq; for Preses, and Mr THOMAS M'GRUGAR, junior, for Secretary. The following motion was then proposed to the Meeting for their adoption, viz. "That the present mode of electing the Magistrates and Representative in Parliament for this City is arbitrary, unconstitutional, and adverse to the inherent privileges of the Citizens, and ought to be reformed: That a standing Committee of Citizens ought to be appointed to take this matter into serious consideration, and to draw up a set of particular resolutions, to be reported to a future general Meeting."—Which motion being read, was unanimously approved of by the Meeting, and ordered to be ingrossed in their minutes, as expressive of their general sentiments.—The Meeting then proceeded to the appointment of a Committee, in terms of the foresaid motion, when the following Gentlemen were chosen, viz.

William Charles Little, Esq; Preses.
James Dewar, Esq; of Vogrie.
James Home Rigg, Esq; of Morton.
Mr George Kinnear, banker.
Mr James Donaldson, bookseller.
Mr Archibald Mercer, merchant.
Mr William Hutchison, apothecary.
Convener John Lindsay.
Mr Walter Russell, merchant.
Mr Thomas M'Grugar, senior, merchant.
Mr William Dawson, merchant.
Mr George Boyd, merchant.
Mr Dunbar Pringle, tanner.
Bailie James Sprott.
Mr Samuel Watson, merchant.
Mr David Lindsay, merchant.
Mr Alexander Brown, merchant.
Mr Thomas M'Grugar, junior, Secretary.

After the appointment of this Committee, the Meeting was adjourned to a future day.

Extracted from the Minutes,
THO. M'GRUGAR, Sec.

ST UBES SALT.

A QUANTITY of this SALT to be sold by ALLAN, STEWART, and CO. Leith. The quality of it is much superior to Scotch Salt, for curing of fish, &c. especially if they are intended for a foreign market.

JAMES COOPER, late in the Firm of *Cooper and Bruce*, most respectfully begs leave to inform his Customers in particular, and the Public in general, that (having at Martinmas last dissolved the partnership with John Bruce, and sold the whole remaining stock to him,) he has now opened a Shop in Bridge-street, opposite the General Post-Office, Edinburgh, where he has laid in a complete, elegant, new, and fashionable Assortment of JEWELLERY and HARDWARE GOODS, equal, if not superior, to any in this country, bought in by the advertiser himself from the London, Birmingham, and Sheffield manufactories, and of which the following articles are a part.

JEWELLERY GOODS.

Set Shoe and Knee Buckles.
Stock and Bracelet Ditto, of all prices.
Plain Gold, Enamelled, and Set Lockets and Hair-bracelets, Pins
Ditto Bracelets, and set with Fancy Figures.
Diamond and Fancy Rings of all kinds.
Plain Gold, Engraved, and Enamelled Watches.
Silver, Pinchbeck, Tortoise-shell, and Fish-skin Ditto.
Silk and Hair Watch Strings.
Pinchbeck and Steel Chains Ditto.
Cornelian and Tassies, Paste Seals set in Gold and Metal.
Turkey Leather Pocket-books for Gentlemen and Ladies.
Silk Ditto, with Gold and Fancy Locks.

SILVER GOODS.

Buckles in the newest patterns.
Table, Turine, and Tea Spoons.
Silver Handled Table and Desert Knives and Forks, from 1 l. 10 s. to 8 l. 8 s. per dozen.

PLATED GOODS.

Tea Pots, Sewers, Coffee Urns, Castors from five to eight glasses.
Bread Baskets, Candlesticks, of all kinds.
Buckles Shoe and Knee, the newest patterns.
Ditto Ditto, Gilt and Pinchbeck.
Table, Turine, and Tea Spoons.
Table and Desert Knives.

HARDWARE AND JAPAN.

Green Ivory Table Knives and Forks.
Carving and Desert Ditto.
Camwood, Ebony, and Stag Ditto.
Mahogany, Shagreen, and Paper Cases for Ditto.
Best London Tea and Coffee Urns, plain Brown and plated mounting.
Pen Knives and Scissars, single and double barrelled Guns and Pistols.
Japanned Tea Trays, newest patterns.
Bread Baskets, &c. &c.
Umbrellas, silk and oil cloth.

He returns his grateful thanks to his Friends and the Public for their past favours and support, and hopes for a continuance thereof.

N. B. Tea Kitchens upon a new construction.

Commissions from the country punctually answered.

SALE OF TEAS AND SPIRITS.

JOHN AITCHISON, at his Tea and Spirit Ware-house, head of the middle Flesh-market close, Edinburgh, being always anxious to merit the public favour, has just now got to hand, a large assortment of TEAS and SPIRITS, which he is selling at the following reduced prices, viz.

Bohea, 3 s. 6 d. per lib.
Best ditto, 4 s.
Congo, 5 s.
Finest ditto, 6 s.
Souchong, 7 s.
Finest ditto, 7 s. 6 d.
Hyson Green, 10 s.
Finest ditto, 12 s.

Double Rum, at 10 s. per gallon.
Single ditto, 6 s.
Cognac Brandy, 10 s.
Geneva, 5 s.
Whisky, 5 s.

Likewise all kinds of British spirits at the lowest prices, and of the best qualities.

N. B. He in particular recommends his 6 s and 7 s. tea.

UNDERTAKERS WANTED.

WANTED, an Undertaker to contract for, and execute, conform to an estimate, the complete repair of the road leading from Sourhole in the parish of Collington, to Kairns eastward.—The contractor to find carriages, materials, tools, and every thing else necessary for the work.

Also, An Undertaker to contract for, and execute, conform to an estimate, the reform of the high road leading from Edinburgh to Liston, where it approaches the Lothian burn, either by levelling the present eminence, with the assistance of an arched bridge across the burn, or by changing the direction of the road, and taking a circular course upon the east or west side, in the most effectual and least expensive manner of making the ascent gradual from Lothian Burn, and the road less steep on both sides of the said eminence.

Estimates of these works, and of the damage that may be occasioned by the proposed change of the road at Lothian Burn, and a sketch of the new course, and of the bridge to be erected across the burn, are desired to be lodged with Charles Gordon writer to the signet, on or before the 20th current.—The tenant at Lothian Burn will show the alterations proposed.

Forth and Clyde Navigation.

AS is proposed to begin, without delay, to make a NAVIGABLE CUT from Sealock through the Hewk Farm to Holmorrie; as also, to build an OUTER BASON, at Sealock;—any person or persons that will undertake said works, or any part of them, are hereby desired to give in proposals and estimates for the same, to Nicol Baird surveyor of the Great Canal, at his house at Kelvinheads; which proposals and estimates must be delivered in before Thursday the 1st May next, as the Committee of Management will then take said proposals and estimates under their consideration.

Canal, April 9. 1783.

Intimation by the BAILIES of Canongate.

SOME years ago, a Pamphlet was published, tending to show the partiality in the present mode of quartering soldiers in the burgh and liberties of Canongate; and that the exemption which has been introduced in favour of private families is not supported by law.

As this was a matter of very great consequence to the trading part of the inhabitants of this place, it became the subject of public disquisition, and a committee of the Convenery was appointed to state the matter to the Magistrates. Several of the more experienced inhabitants were called together, and the opinion of the Honourable Henry Erskine, Assessor of the burgh taken, which corroborates the propositions stated in the pamphlet. The traders, therefore, desirous that, in future, soldiers should be quartered upon the inhabitants at large, in terms of the act 1698, have presented a petition to the Magistrates, craving, that the burden and expence of quartering soldiers, by the burgh and privileges, may be laid on the inhabitants at large, and not on the trading part alone, as has been the practice for some time past.

The Magistrates, therefore, take this method of stating the matter to those inhabitants whom the alteration will affect, whose objections will be duly attended to; and, for that purpose, have ordered the petition to lie at the Council-house of Canongate, with James Cunningham, till the 23d day of April instant, for the inspection of those interested in the alteration; and any objections to the mode proposed may be lodged with him betwixt and that day.

Given at Council-house of Canongate the 12th day of April, 1783.

Not to be repeated.

From the London Papers, April 7.

LONDON.

WESTMINSTER ELECTION.

About half past eleven, Mr Fox came to the Hustings, accompanied by Lord Surry, Mr Byng, Dr Jebb, Messrs Sheridan, Sawbridge, Howse, and some other gentlemen, the procession being preceded by two men carrying a blue silk banner, fringed with gold, and with an inscription in gold letters, of "The Man of the People," and two men carrying such a blue flag, ornamented with gold, on which were the words, "Freedom and Independence."

Mr Fox had no sooner ascended the Hustings, than a most violent clamour ensued—hissings, hootings, cat-calls, whistling, &c.—To give an idea upon paper of this strange complication of villanous sounds, is not possible, nor could the utmost art and ingenuity of man contrive instruments by which such violence and extravagancy of discord could be expressed.

Dr Jebb, Mr Sheridan, Mr Sawbridge, and Mr Byng, each made repeated efforts to appease the tumult, and obtain attention, but all their perseverance of endeavour was in vain; the incessant clamour drowning every word they uttered.

Mr Fox coming forward, the undefinable noise became more outrageous, if possible, than that with which he was saluted at first, and the more urgent he was to be heard, the more violent was the opposition. The candidate retired, and several other gentlemen solicited attention, but with no better success than before. Mr Fox then addressed himself to the electors, when hundreds of Stentorian voices exclaimed, "Off, off; no Fox; no North; no turncoat; turn down that Fox to be hunted by the people." The little that could be collected of what the new Secretary said, went to justify his coalition with Lord North, and regulate his public conduct by those independent principles, which, on former occasions, had procured him the honour of the suffrages of the electors of Westminster, whose interests, he said, next to those of the community at large, it would be always the first wish of his heart to promote. No other candidate being proposed, Mr Fox was declared duly elected, and, after bowing, he retired, amidst every possible expression of disapprobation, and presently afterwards he was chaired, and carried to Wood's Hotel, where he dined with a numerous company of his friends.

In justice to the electors of Westminster it should be observed, that the rude and grossly affronting treatment of Mr Fox, did not proceed from them, but an amazing crowd of people of the lowest classes of society.

Letters from different parts of Holland agree, that the public continue extremely dissatisfied on account of the studied procrastinations on the part of the States-General, as to the conclusion of the definitive treaty of peace with Britain.

It was the practice of antiquity to make provision in times of peace for the necessities of war, and to hoard up treasures before-hand, as the instruments either of conquest or defence; and by a systematical perseverance in this prudent custom, Great Britain might still have been opulent and powerful. However, the honour of restoring the kingdom to her former wealth and grandeur, seems to be reserved for the politicians of the present day, who can only accomplish that grand point by a rigidly economical reform in all the public departments.

Yesterday afternoon an officer arrived at the Secretary of State's office, and the India-house, with dispatches from Sir Eyre Coote, with the particulars of several skirmishes between detachments of Hyder Aly's army and the Company's forces, which generally were decided in favour of the latter. It also appears that Sir John Burgoyne, with the reinforcement of troops under him, had arrived in India, and that he had taken upon him the command of the cavalry.

Captain Carpenter, of the navy, arrived also yesterday afternoon at the Admiralty, with advices from Sir Edward Hughes, containing an account of the last engagement between the fleet under his command, and the French squadron under M. Suffrein, which was desperately sustained by the English; Sir Edward Hughes having opposed a force of 15 ships of the line with only 10. The number of the killed and wounded on our part amount to upwards of 300. Sir Richard Bickerton, with the reinforcement under his command, is mentioned to have joined Sir Edward Hughes some time after the aboves mentioned action was fought. The above accounts were immediately, on their coming to hand, laid before his Majesty.

The Earl of Hertford Indiaman was lost at Fort St George, in a violent gale of wind; most of the people were saved.

This being a commercial country, taxes upon articles of exportation ought to be as light as the nature of circumstances can possibly admit, that at foreign markets our Merchants may defy the competition of those of other nations. Where labour is cheap, manufactures and comerce will flourish; and high duties upon articles of domestic consumption, are certainly beneficial to the community at large, though they may be disagreable to individuals; because the weight falls upon the idle and opulent consumer, who refunds what the trader had advanced to Government. Where men can live at ease, with little labour, a wise Financier will impose taxes upon the produce thereof. But he will do this only in such a manner as will serve to discourage indolence, that worst disease of a State, without giving the mechanic a pretext for advancing his demand upon the Merchant. In short the nicety of this point is, to bring a revenue to Government by keeping open every channel of foreign and domestic traffic, and by avoiding to inflict pecuiary oppression upon the middling and lower classes of the people.

PRICES OF CORN AT CORN EXCHANGE, APRIL 4.

Wheat, 40 s. a 54 s.
Barley, 21 s. a 35 s.
Rye, 30 s. a 32 s.
Oats, 18 s. a 26 s.
Pale Malt, 40 s. a 45 s.
Amber ditto, 41 s. a 45 s.
Peafe, 31 s. a 34 s.
Hog ditto, 30 s. a 39 s.
Beans, 30 s. a 36 s.
Tick, 25 s. a 30 s.
Tares, 24 s. a 28 s.
Rape Seed, —

Per Sack.

Fine Flour 43 s. a 44 s.
Second Sort, 40 s. a 41 s.
Third Sort, 34 s. a 34 s.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, *April* 8.

AT the Court at St James's, the 7th of April, 1783.

PRESENT,

THE KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS day the Right Hon. William Eden was, by his Majeſty's command, ſworn of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

Whitehall, April 8.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Admiral Lord Viſcount Keppel, Admiral Hugh Pigot, the Right Honourable William Ponſonby, commonly called Lord Viſcount Duncannon, the Honourable John Townſhend, Sir John Lindſay, Knight of the Bath, William Jolliffe and Whitſhed Keene, Eſquires, to be Commiſſioners for executing the office of High Admiral of the kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dominions, iſlands, and territories thereunto reſpectively belonging.

The King has been pleaſed to grant to the Right Honourable Edmund Burke, the office of Receiver and Paymaſter General of his Majeſty's guards, garriſons, and land forces.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, *April* 8.

The Heleſia, Furnberg, from Oſtend, to Dublin, is loſt near Dartmouth. The goods moſtly ſaved, greatly damaged, and are to be directly forwarded for Dublin by the Peggy, Captain Mudge.

The Brilliant, Mears, was loſt on a rock off Johanna.

The Earl of Hertford, Captain Clark, is loſt at Fort St George.

From the London Papers, April 8.

The accounts from Meſſina make the number of the deſtroyed to amount in all to 60,000.

Naples, March 10. The King has ordered 15,000 ducats to be diſtributed among the unhappy ſufferers by the earthquake at Meſſina, and elſewhere, provided they return to their own country.

Naples, March 11. Of the many anecdotes related concerning the deſolation of Meſſina, the following is by much the moſt terrible and diſtreſſing.—The Marchioneſs de Spadara, during the earthquake, was conveyed by her huſband to the harbour; but, during the preparations for embarkation, having come to her ſenſes, and perceiving that her infant ſon was not with her, ſhe profited by her huſband's being too buſied to attend to her, and run back to town. She found her houſe ſafe, and going up ſtairs, took her child from its cradle, but could not return; as, in the interim, ſhe found the ſtairs had fallen!—She flew from room to room, diſtracted by repeated cruſhes of one or other part of the building, and got to the balcony, where, thinking herſelf ſafe, ſhe held up her ſon, and implored the aſſiſtance of them who ſaw her; but the intereſt which every one felt for himſelf at the moment of this dreadful and general calamity, prevented every attempt to avoid the impending danger; and the houſe taking fire, this unhappy woman fell a ſacrifice to her maternal affections. Her body was found attached by the arms to her babe—an embrace which death itſelf could not looſe.

Rome, March 11. Great preparations are making here for the reception of the Archduke Maximilian, who is hourly expected in this capital; beſides the magnificent apartment in the Vatican, his Holineſs has ordered another no leſs ſuperb to be got ready for his Royal Highneſs.

Spain, March 17. The Duke de Almodavar, hertofore Ambaſſador at the Court of London, will return thither very ſhortly, to reſide there in the ſame character.

Briſt, March 22. M. de Frament is gone to priſon for life, to which he was condemned. It is hoped that his former ſervices will induce the King to mitigate the rigour of his ſentence. The Council of War is employed on the proceſs of the Chevalier de Vigney, Captain of the Hebe. The Council of War which is to try M. de Graſſe and his officers, it is thought will not be held here, but at Paris, at the Hotel Royal of Invalids, as it is to be compoſed of land officers as well as thoſe of the navy.

Paris, March 28. They write from Limoges, that the overflow of the rivers on the 5th and 6th of the month, has occaſioned great damages in Limoſin and Angoumois. Vienne, Charante, and the leſſer rivers, by their increaſe, have deſtroyed the mills, paper works, and floats, overturned the bridges, and interrupted the communication. The city of Rochefoucault has eſpecially ſuffered by the overflow of the Tardoue. On the 5th a violent tempeſt aroſe, accompanied by a ſlight earthquake. On the day of the 6th, the ſtreets of that city were covered with water, in ſome places five feet deep. Luckily no perſon periſhed, ſome of the inhabitants having, with great preſence of mind, removed and ſecured the women, children, and the old and ſick. Twenty-five or thirty houſes were overturned, and many others much damaged. A conſiderable quantity of effects, proviſions, &c. were loſt or ſpoiled. The Sieur Anne, Intendant of the province, has taken every poſſible precaution to re-eſtabliſh the communications, and make up the loſſes of the ſufferers.

Letters from Bergerac, March 12. inform us, that the grounds have ſuffered much from the continual rains which have deſolated that country for ſix months, and the rains being augmented for three weeks, by a violent ſouth-weſt wind, the city which is ſituated on a vaſt plain, and has its walls waſhed by the Dardogne, it was feared would have been drowned in water, as on the 6th of that month, trees, timber, and things belonging to it, were ſeen ſwimming on the rivers. The arches of the bridge, which are fifty feet high from the ordinary level of the water, of ancient conſtruction, the only bridge on the courſe of that river, and of courſe of the utmoſt importance, was ſwept away, and neither it nor the foundations appeared. On the 7th, at night, a great part of the city was under water, and the houſes abandoned; at nine, the deſtruction of the bridge was evident.

What makes the calamity the more deplorable, is the doubt leſt the wreck of the bridge prove an obſtacle, difficult to be removed, to the navigation of our coaſts. The accounts from the neighbouring villages are equally afflicting. Villages deſtroyed, earth covered with ſand, cattle drowned, &c. &c. form the unpleaſing ſpectacle on every ſide.

Utrecht, April 1. An expreſs, which is arrived at the Hague from Paris, and which has occaſioned many miniſterial conferences, is ſaid to have brought advice of the Court of London having deſiſted from her former reſolution in reſpect to the Dutch colonies of Trinquimale and Negapatnam, provided our Lords the States-General will deſiſt, on their ſide, from the indemnification for the loſſes in ſhips and merchandize ſuſtained by the republic ſince the declaration of war of Great Britain, and if, beſides, their High Mightineſſes will conſent to let the Engliſh participate of the commerce of the

LONDON.

The Lord Chancellor, in conſequence of a letter received by his Lordſhip on Sunday evening, attended his Majeſty yeſterday noon, and delivered into royal cuſtody the Great Seal of England. The Lords Commiſſioners, Lord Loughborough, Mr Juſtice Aſhurſt and Mr Baron Hotham, attended; but, by ſome miſtake, no commiſſion for their appointment had not been made out, the conſequence of which is, the Great Seal muſt now be left in his Majeſty's cuſtody till to-morrow.

It is ſaid Lord Townſhend kiſſed hands yeſterday as Maſter of the Ordnance.

Earl Cholmondeley and Lord Foley are appointed joint Poſtmaſters General.

We are informed that the Duke of Manchester has reſigned his place of Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Houſehold.

The new Chancellor of the Exchequer has already had a meeting with ſeveral merchants and bankers concerning the loan.

Yeſterday the Honourable Charles James Fox took the oaths and his ſeat in the Houſe of Commons, upon being re-elected for the city of Weſtminſter.

Yeſterday the following writs were moved in the Houſe of Commons, viz.

New writ for Petersfield, in the room of Wm. Jolliffe, Eſq; a Lord of the Admiralty.

For Knaresborough, in the room of Lord Duncannon, a Lord of the Admiralty.

For Montgomery, in the room of Whitſhed Keene, Eſq; a Lord of the Admiralty.

For Warwick, in the room of the Hon. Mr Greville, Treaſurer of the Houſehold. And,

For Gloucesterſhire, in the room of Sir William Guiſe, deceaſed.

A Committee was to be ballotted for this day to try the merits of the Pontefract petition.

Sir William Cunyngham, in the Houſe of Commons, remarked, that an honourable gentleman (not then preſent) had given notice immediately after the Chriſtmas receſs, that before Eaſter he would bring forward his propoſition on the reform of Parliament. As Eaſter was ſo near at hand, he preſumed the honourable gentleman would ſcarcely make his motion on that ſubject before the Eaſter receſs; he wiſhed therefore to know if the honourable gentleman meant to bring it forward that Seſſion, or wait till the next. Sir William ſaid, he threw out this intimation, with the hope that ſome member, a friend of the Hon. gentleman (with whom he had not the happineſs to be perſonally intimate) would inform him of what had paſſed, and that the matter might be aſcertained, to ſave gentlemen the trouble of waiting in the town the whole ſummer, in expectation of a ſingle propoſition, which after all perhaps might not be made that Seſſion.

This morning a court of Directors was held at Eaſt India Houſe, for the purpoſe of examining the diſpatches from Madras, brought by the Rodney packet; the chief tenor of which are briefly as follow:

That in the beginning of September the French fleet (which had been reinforced at Porto Nuovo with two ſhips of the line, a frigate, and four ſtore ſhips with 1600 land forces on board) ſailed for Trincomale, which, in the abſence of Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, who was gone to the northward, they took poſſeſſion of, making the garriſon priſoners of war, to the number of 1100 men, a great part of which were black troops, under the command of Colonel Macgowan, made Governor of Trincomale. On the 5th of September, the Seahorſe frigate having been ſent to Sir Edward Hughes, to acquaint him with this diſaſter, the fleet returned, and on the ſame morning an engagement took place, which laſted four hours, the Engliſh fleet ſtanding northward, the French going into Trincomale Bay. De Suffrein had 13 ſail of the line, Sir Edward Hughes only 11. On the 16th of September another engagement took place, the French having then one ſhip leſs by the loſs of the L'Orient of 74 guns, which foundered going into Trincomale, after the engagement of the 5th. In this laſt battle, which was one of the bloodieſt ever fought in India, the Engliſh fleet loſt three of her braveſt Captains, eleven other officers, and 130 men killed, and more than double that number wounded.

Sir Edward Hughes, after this action, was obliged to ſteer for Madraſs, but had not arrived there when the packet came away, nor had Sir Richard Bickerton's fleet joined.

In addition to the above account relative to the late engagements in the Eaſt Indies between the Engliſh ſquadron under Sir Edward Hughes, and the French fleet under Monſieur Suffrein, we learn that thoſe actions were fought in September laſt, when the Engliſh Admiral brought the enemy twice to battle; that in the firſt engagement his fleet conſiſted of ten ſhips of the line, beſides the Iſis of 50 guns, and the enemy of twelve ſhips; and in the ſecond rencounter the enemy were ſtrengthened with an additional ſhip of 50 guns. This latter action was moſt obſtinately diſputed; the fire of the Engliſh ſhips, however, was ſo ſuperior, that a French ſhip of 74 guns ſtruck to the Sultan, whoſe Captain was killed in the engagement; but before any boat could be hoiſted out, it was judged neceſſary, by the officers of the Sultan, to bring their ſhip into her proper ſtation to ſupport the Admiral; that while wearing to effect this, the Commander of the prize, judging the Sultan was unable to take poſſeſſion of his ſhip, hoiſted his colours again, and being inſtantly ſeconded by another ſhip, attempted to renew the action, and was enabled to bear away in company with the French diviſion. Sir Edward Hughes alſo relates the ſurrender of Trincomale to the French arms; which great event took place laſt Auguſt. The number of killed and wounded are by no means ſo numerous as was at firſt reported; we are ſorry, however, to add, that Captain Watt, of the Sultan, Captain Wood, of the Hero, and Captain Lumley, of the Iſis, are among the former. Several of the lieutenants and marine officers are among the killed and wounded. The above actions make the third and fourth fought between Sir Edward Hughes and Monſieur Suffrein. The Engliſh ſquadron were as follow:

Superbe	74	Eagle	64
Sultan	74	Exeter	64
Hero	74	Magnanime	64
Burford	74	Monmouth	64
Monarca	68	Iſis	50
Worceſter	64		

The articles of capitulation, for Trincomale, ſhall appear in our next.

Advices are received at the Admiralty, giving an account of a detachment of frigates having ſailed from New York, to intercept a French convoy, of which Rear-Admiral Digby had received intelligence; and that they had the good fortune to fall in with and capture nine ſail, together with a large French frigate of 40 guns. Theſe advices do not come officially to the Admiralty, but are received upon ſuch authority, as not to leave a doubt of the authenticity of the above event.

A gentleman deputed from Congreſs, is juſt arrived here; he reports that Congreſs have iſſued a proclamation, inviting the baniſhed Loyaliſts to return in ſafety, and had reſolved to open a free trade with Great Britain and Ireland; the Americans have been greatly in want of all kinds of goods, which formerly they uſed to import from this country; the French have ſupplied them very ſparingly, and at more than double the price they formerly paid the Britiſh merchants; a ſhip from London was captured laſt year and carried into Philadelphia; the prime coſt of the cargo was about thirty thouſand pounds; the goods ſold for near ninety thouſand pounds; this intelligence has put the merchants in high ſpirits, and many cargoes are now getting ready for the American market.

PRICE OF STOCKS, APRIL 8.

Bank Stock, ſhut, 131 ex div.
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, ſhut, 82¾ a 83¼ ex div.
3 per cent. con. 66¼ a ⅜.
3 per cent. red. ſhut, 65¼ a 65 ex div.
3 per cent. 1726, —
Long Ann. 19 15-16ths a ¾.
Short Ann. 1778, 13⅞.
South Sea Stock, —
3 per cent. Old Ann. ſhut.
Ditto New Ann. —
Ditto 1751, —
India Stock, ſhut.
3 per cent. Ann. ſhut.
India Bonds, par a 1 diſc.
Exch. Bills, 7 a 10 diſc.
Navy Bills, 10 diſc.

WIND AT DEAL,
APRIL 7. F.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, April 8.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

"The Duke of Richmond informed their Lordſhips, that he had a motion to make of very great importance to the public intereſt, and he was only prevented from making it, by having heard a noble Secretary (North) was to be called to a ſeat among their Lordſhips. He would ever wiſh to ſee a Secretary of State in that Houſe; he had, therefore, poſtponed his motion, until he ſhould be certified if ſuch an event was to take place. He called on his Grace of Portland for information.

"The Duke of Portland ſaid, ſuch a matter was in contemplation; he could not, however, take upon himſelf to ſay when it ſhould take place.

"The Committee of Privileges met agreeable to a motion of the Earl of Radnor, made a few days paſt, "to take into conſideration the ſtile in the writs of ſummons directed to ſeveral Peers, which in various inſtances are different from the ſtile contained in the letters patent." Lord Scarſdale took the chair, and Lord Radnor ſtated to the Committee the various inſtances on record, where the writs of ſummons differed from the letters patent; in the courſe of which his Lordſhip made many pertinent remarks. Lord Mansfield, Lord Thurlow, Lord Marchmont, and other Lords, made ſome obſervations; after which the Chairman reported a progreſs, with leave to ſit again.

"In a Committee on the indemnity bill, the linen duty bill, the bill relative to deeds and wills of Papiſts, and Mr Oſgilvy's attainder bill, went through the ſame, and afterwards made a report thereof to the Houſe.

"The mutiny bill was preſented to the Houſe, and read a firſt time.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

REPRESENTATION.

"Mr *Pitt*, after a very ſhort preface, moved, that the Houſe be called over on the ſixth day of May next. He alſo moved, that the Speaker ſhould write circular letters to the different Sheriffs in the kingdom, directing them to ſummons the reſpective Members within theſe counties to attend on that day; and that ſuch Members, as ſhould not attend the ſummons of the Houſe, ſhould be taken into cuſtody.

"He then informed the Houſe, that he ſhould, on the 7th of May, make a motion he had promiſed for a reform in the repreſentation; and he had taken that early opportunity of ſpecifying the day on which he would bring it on, in order that Gentlemen might meet prepared, for the diſcuſſion and conſideration of an object, that involved in it a matter of much importance and magnitude to the public weal.

PONTEFRACT ELECTION.

"The Houſe then ballotted for a Committee to try the merits of the Pontefract Election. The petitioner is John Smith, Eſq. Sitting Member, Nathaniel Smith, Eſq.

"A further vote of the army ſtands for to-morrow.

"Adjourned to Wedneſday.

"Earl Mansfield is appointed Speaker of the Houſe of Lords, and this day ſat in that capacity.

"The Duke of Richmond enters warmly into oppoſition againſt adminiſtration.

"Lord North's going to the upper Houſe, has convinced many perſons who held contrary opinions, that the *coalition* will long continue to direct the government of this country. Lord North's acquired all his influence in the Commons; it is the beſt field for his political exertions; his abilities there are highly reſpected, and have ever been ſucceſsfully employed. If the coalition were not broad in their baſis, he never would have *anticipated* his ſeat in the Lords.

"Earl Temple will certainly return from Ireland. His Lordſhip does not accede to the preſent ſyſtem of politics here."

Thurſday morning, Ilay Campbell, Eſq; his Majeſty's Solicitor General for Scotland, ſet off for London.

We have the pleaſure to inform the public, that, in conſequence of the revolution at the Board of Ordnance, Mr Adam is again appointed to his former office of Secretary to that Board, without any ſolicitations on his part.

Thurſday laſt, the Treaſurer of the Royal Order of ancient Scots Maſonry, paid into the Collectors at the Goldſmith's Hall for the benefit of the Charity Work-houſe, nine guineas. This reſpectable body of Maſons, upon every emergency, have ſhewn their liberality to the Charity Work-houſe. At a time, ſuch as the preſent, when the houſe is in the utmoſt diſtreſs, and when more than ordinary exertions are abſolutely neceſſary to prevent its total annihilation, the example of the Royal Order, we doubt not, will be followed by all the Lodges of Free Maſons in town, as well as by every Incorporation and public Society.

The great criterion of real charity is the reverſe of oſtentation. A ſingular inſtance of this benevolent diſpoſition, in a lady or gentleman, (we know not which) was exhibited yeſterday, when a donation of Twenty Guineas, from an unknown hand, was paid in, at the Goldſmith's Hall, for the benefit of the Charity Work-houſe.

Betwixt twelve o'clock laſt night and one this morning, ſome perſon, or perſons, moſt audaciouſly made an attempt to break into a room of a houſe at the head of Leith walk; but before

to the room, ſome of the family were wakened by and alarmed them, ſo that they made their eſcape ing any more harm than throwing ſtones, and break- pes of the window.

hippy to ſee, in this night's liſt of ſhipping, a veſſel Leith from Culroſs, with coal-tar and coal-varniſh, ſel of the kind which ever came here. This newly- compoſition is found in practice to be greatly preferа- ther ſpecies of tar for ſhips uſe.

and Wedneſday, ſix companies of the Weſt Beaci- anded by Sir James Campbell of Ardkinglas, were Glaſgow; the other four companies will get their a few days.

night laſt, a drummer belonging to the Scots Roy- way from Dumbarton to Glaſgow, was knocked Scottſtown, by a fellow who had kept him company ile, and robbed him of his pocket-book, with three ing notes, two half-crown pieces, ſome ſmall ſilver, watch.

, that laſt week, on occaſion of the Earl of Breadal- ng of age, the whole tenants upon his Lordſhip's ex- ates in Perthſhire and Argyleſhire, were moſt hoſpita- ained at his Lordſhips expence. At the ſame time, ainment was provided at different places for the gen- the neighbourhood, and all teſtified their attachment eſt to his Lordſhip and his family, by bonfires and o- onſtrations of joy. On this occaſion, a conſiderable money was diſtributed amongſt the poor.

Thurſday laſt, the Synod of Glaſgow and Ayr met at Glaſ- hen there was tranſmitted to them by their Committee rtures, the following overture, "That whereas many a- ve diſcovered, that the natural diſpoſitions of the people part of the united kingdoms lead them to be very much d to what they take to be religious liberty, and have e- ealous eye on any perſon or meaſure that ſeems to them to any encroachment upon it; and as it is evident, from ny publications in the news-papers, for theſe twelve paſt, that the preſent mode of ſettling miniſters, in the liſhed church, is unfriendly to their notions of that liber-

And that whereas, on account of the rigorous exerciſe of reſent law of preſenting miniſters to vacant pariſhes, ſeve- houſands have gone from the eſtabliſhed church, and there- brought a load of expences upon themſelves, which renders both leſs able and leſs willing to pay the neceſſary taxes his ſupport of Government:

And that whereas the feeling of theſe things begets in the a diſaffection for their native ſoil, and has occaſioned of them to emigrate to America, and is likely to revive laſt frenzy:

And that whereas there is encouragement to hope, from his Majeſty has already done in many inſtances, where Crown is patron, that he will be forward to meet with the inations of his loyal ſubjects in Scotland, and conciliate affections more, by a ſtill further relaxation of that grie- law of patronage, ſo far as in his power; and as there is eaſon to doubt but that his laudable example will be fol- ed by many of the nobility and gentry in their exerciſe of law of patronage:

"That therefore the Synod of Glaſgow and Ayr overture the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland to meet May next, that they will be pleaſed to addreſs his Majeſty, t he will be graciouſly pleaſed to nominate a preſentee to ch vacant pariſhes as ſhall happen in his gift, out of a liſt of ree preachers, or miniſters, as ſhall be tranſmitted to him by majority of heritors and elders, in the vacant pariſh in land- pariſhes, and by the majority of Town-council and El- in royal boroughs, with the conſent of the moſt part or of the congregation."

The Synod, after long reaſoning, unanimouſly named a ge committee of miniſters and elders to take the ſaid over- art under their ſerious and deliberate conſideration, and to re- port to the next meeting of Synod in the month of October.

There being no other buſineſs before the Synod, they ad- journed to October, and roſe on Wedneſday.

Mr Robert Duncan, preacher of the goſpel at Irvine, has got a preſentation to the pariſh of Dundonald, vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr Thomas Walker.

The Caſtleſemple, M'Kinlay, from Clyde, is arrived at Ja- maica.

903 Bolls of peaſe, 681 bolls of barley, 332 bolls of wheat and 100 bolls of oats, have arrived at the weſt end of the Ca- nal ſince laſt week.

This day, the Magiſtrates, after taking a proof of the price of wheat, lowered the aſſize of bread, to commence on Mon- day next, as follows:

	Avoirdupois. Lib.	oz.	dr.
The penny loaf wheaten is to weigh	0	8	7
Ditto houſehold is to weigh	0	11	2
The two-penny loaf wheaten is to weigh	1	0	14
Ditto houſehold is to weigh	1	6	4
The half-penny loaf wheaten is to weigh	0	4	3½
Ditto houſehold is to weigh	0	5	9

And the leſſer Bread in proportion.

	lib.	oz.	dr.		Sterling. s.	d.
The Peck Loaf is to weigh	17	6	0	to be ſold the Wheaten for	2	9
				Houſehold for	2	1
Half Peck Loaf to weigh	8	11	0	and to be ſold Wheaten for	1	4½
				Houſehold for	1	0½
Quarten Loaf to weigh	4	5	8	and to be ſold Wheaten for	0	8½
				Houſehold for	0	6½

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

His head is full of fears and factions;
His conſcience, form'd of contradictions,
Is therefore never long content
With any church or government,
But fancies every thing that is,
For want of mending, much amiſs. BUTLER.

PRAY, Sir, condeſcend to inform me who is this *Britannicus*, the new correſpondent of our citizens, who ſuffereth ſuch agony for the wrongs of old Edinburgh *. Cruel citizens! Why do they keep a gentleman in ſuch anguiſh? He has marked their conſtitution with indignant concern. He beholds their ſubmiſſion with aſtoniſhment. Their indifference, their timidity, their tameneſs, their ſupineneſs, ſilence and backwardneſs, have put him to the torture.

Here is a *Man of feeling!* Harry M'Kenzie's man is a Ruſſian bear, compared to him! Poor youth! like a lady's pincuſhion, he lies ſtuck full of darts both before and behind †.

* See his letter in the MERCURY of Saturday the 5th current.
† Voiture.

What mortal could poſſibly divine, that *Britannicus* has been thrown into ſuch a deplorable condition, by a cauſe which has laſted many hundred years—by the conſtitution of the kingdom, handed down by our forefathers, and eſtabliſhed by every power from which laws derive their force? This venerable fabric, it ſeems, is to be nobly, generouſly, and patriotically broke to pieces by the members of the Merchant Company, if the good people of Edinburgh will only help them in its deſtruction. "The conduct of the Merchant Company (ſays *Britannicus*) muſt have influence. Their example MUST be eagerly followed by every ſociety and individual within the burgh; and yet (continues he) I remark, that no ſociety, no, not an individual, has actually ſtept forth."—Wonderful and ſurpriſing!—The gentleman's diſeaſe, however, may thence be accounted for. The ſum total, it ſeems, of the madneſs of the Merchant Company, in place of ſpreading over the whole inhabitants of this large town, has rushed into the ſingle body of poor *Britannicus*. No wonder he ſhould foam ſo loud, and, like a maniac, tell the citizens of Edinburgh that they muſt do what he pleaſes.

But, Mr Publiſher, I beg pardon for uſing ſo much freedom with the Merchant Company. Upon enquiry, I found this ill-timed diſturbance diſclaimed almoſt by every reſpectable member among them.—It originated and ſubſiſts only among a few Lawn-market and Luckenbooths merchants, headed by a —— weaver from the Weſt Port.—Ever ſince trade deſerted the Lawn-market, a number of its ſhop-keepers ſet up reformers, politicians, and patriots.—They are to be ſeen, for the beſt part of every day, vibrating upon the plain ſtones †, like pendulums of clocks, wearing their ſhoes, cenſuring their neighbours, overturning the Town Council, and neglecting the little they have to do.

"Theſe are the patriots whom *Britannicus* aſſures us have operated with ſurpriſing force upon the burgeſſes of other burghs of Scotland.—It may be ſo.—Wonders are eaſily done abroad; but I appeal to the very boſom-friends of theſe plaiſter-foot politicians, if their force, with which they operated at home, ever ſurpriſed any one. Bluſh at your folly, ye Burgeſſes of other burghs, and mind your own affairs!

It is really, Mr Publiſher, a provoking circumſtance to ſee, of late, every being who can command pen, ink, and paper, miſtake himſelf for a writer, a politician, and a reformer. People have now got a knack both of writing and ſpeaking without the leaſt mixture of thought. The newſpapers and magazines, collecting the flowers of modern eloquence, furniſh for theſe purpoſes abundance of hollow affected phraſes, the mere ſhells of ideas. With rattles like theſe, the head of *Britannicus* is liberally furniſhed. He writes like a young kettle-drummer learning to beat—An addreſs to a City! There is as much nonſenſe in his very poſtſcript as might have ſerved a reaſonable ſcribbler for a whole volume. "The ardour (ſays he) of the burgeſſes of other "burghs for a general reform, is truly patriotic; and the *alacrity* they diſcover to concur with the Merchant Company, "holds out *a conduct* highly worthy of our eſteem. To ſuch "*noble efforts* my warmeſt approbation is due, and moſt cordially do I wiſh them ſucceſs." How, in the world, does mere ardour and alacrity hold out a conduct? Theſe enchanted burgeſſes have yet done nothing at all: Where, then, are the *noble efforts* adored by *Britannicus?* The writer's warmeſt approbation and eſteem, it ſeems, are offered up to the winds. Since he gives all he has to give, what does the prodigal youth reſerve for the remuneration of his friends, when they ſhall happen to do ſomething? Unleſs the citizens of Edinburgh immediately turn every thing topſy turvy, *Britannicus* muſt inevitably grow totally diſtracted. Do, therefore, kind Sir, apply to Mr Alexander Wood, to procure him No 10, in the Infirmary, where he may yell as loud as he pleaſes, to the ſooty ſheep feeding behind it. He has a much better chance of frightening theſe poor animals over the town wall, than of forcing his Weaver and Lawn-market-men over the conſtitution of the city.

By your laſt paper, Mr Publiſher, I find the diſputes about reformation is in very proper hands. My humble province ſhall be, to keep a clear ſtage; and if any Punch, like *Britannicus*, preſume henceforth to pop in his blundering head, he may depend upon as ſound a drubbing as can be laid on, by

SAMUEL BUTLER.

† Pavement before the door.

CARD.

MR MOSS takes this earlieſt opportunity of returning his ſincere thanks, and expreſſing his warmeſt gratitude to the public, for the *uncommon* favour ſhewn to him at his Benefit on Monday night laſt. The great overflow, from every part of the Theatre, is a new proof, that the liberal and generous ſpirit of the inhabitants of this city never overlooks the ſmalleſt endeavours to pleaſe them; and their kindneſs, ſhewn to a ſtranger, evinces, that that hoſpitality, for which Scotland was ever renowned, ſtill flouriſhes in its priſtine vigour. He begs leave to add, that ſuch a diſtinguiſhed mark of approbation, will conſtantly ſtimulate him to increaſe his endeavours to contribute all in his power to the entertainment of the Public.

CANONGATE, *April* 12. 1783.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVED AT *LEITH*, April 10. Anne, Seaton, from Kirkwall, with goods; Lake, Boules, from Wells, with barley; Good Intent, Primroſe, from Boneſs, with coals—11. Edward and Anne, Nice, from Blackney, with barley; Vine, Hughes, from ditto, with ditto; Providence, Jones, from Allon, with coals; Jean, Napier, from Glaſgow, with tar and calf ſkins; Francis and Elizabeth, Laing, from London, with barley, peaſe, and oats; Kingardine, Hodge, from Kincaple, with whiſky; Belches, Smith, from Stockton, with cheeſe, wheat, barley, and oats; Stanhope, Brown, from Wiſbeach, with oats; John, Libbas, from Yarmouth, with barley; Advice, Noddings, from Rye, with bark.—12. Jean, Brooks, from Aberdeen, with teaſ &c.; Peggy, Scott, from Dunbar, with yarn, elm oats, and barley; Betty, Murray, from Kincardine, with whiſky; Catherina, Johnſton, from Boneſs, in ballaſt; Coalvernite, Anderſon, from Culroſs, with *coal-tar* and *coal-vernice*; Iſobell, Wilſon, from Limekilns, with coals; Martha and Anne, Stouten, from Wells, with peaſe and barley; Charlotte, Smart, from Elphinſtone, with coals; Adriana, Miſne from Rotterdam, with ſtaves and ſtaff ed.

JAMES STOBIE

RESPECTFULLY informs the Public, That his MAP of the counties of PERTH and CLACKMANNAN (preſently engraving in London) will be publiſhed about the middle of May next. This ſurvey is done with accuracy and minuteneſs to a ſcale of one inch to every Engliſh mile. The engraving is elegant, by Mr Conder. And, upon the margin (beſides the uſual decorations of maps) are twelve perſpective Views in the counties, finely engraved by Mr Mazell. The price Two Pounds Sterling each copy; and, if the boundaries of pariſhes are coloured, Two Guineas. Such of the Subſcribers as wiſh to have mounted Maps at an additional expence, will pleaſe ſend their order, poſt paid, to Mr Charles Elliot bookſeller, Parliament Square, Edinburgh, who will alſo receive Subſcriptions till the time of Publication.

Subſcribers ſupplied with the firſt impreſſions.

LONDON, APRIL 7. 1783.

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND.

March 23. Nancy, of and from Limekilns, Bennet, for Memel, ballaſt.
Peggy and Betty, of and from Carron, Ruſſel, for ditto, ditto.
24. Leviathan, of and from Dyſart, Nichols, for Copenhagen, with coals.
Concord, of and from Leith, Whitehead, for Dantzick.
Margaret of Copenhagen, Anderſon, from Limekilns for Memel, in ditto.
Anne, of and from Inverkeithing, Martin, for Koningſb. in ditto.
Elizabeth, of and from Kincardine, Jameſon, for Copenhagen, with coals.
St Andrew, of and from Wemyſs, Salmon, for Memel, ballaſt.
25. Duchels of Hamilton, of and from Boneſs, Kay, for Copenhagen, with coals.

BERWICK, March 25. Wind N. W. WALTER WOOD.

ARRIVED AT *SEALOCK*, April 9. Collier, Neddie, from Alloa, with malt; John and Margaret, Kennedy, from Dundee, with ditto; Earl Caſſillis, Kennedy, from Dundee, for Glaſgow, with ſundries.—10. Sally, Hall, from Yarmouth, with peaſe; Phœnix, Ledger, from Lynn, with barley and peaſe.—11. Ely and Peggy, from Fyemouth, with oats.

SAILED, April 10. Grizel, Turnbull, for Perth, with peaſe; Annie, Morifon, for Ely, with oats; Thomas and Eliſabeth, Boulter, for Yarmouth, with coals; Providence, Ruder, for Wells, with ditto; Collier, Neddie, for Alloa, with peaſe.—11. Sincerity, Farmer, for ditto, in ballaſt; Fruit of Friends, Murie, for Limekilns, with ditto; Fortune, Neilſon, for Chriſtians, with ditto; Farmer, Guthrie, for Culroſs, with peaſe.

ARRIVED AT *GREENOCK*, April 8. Jean, Milhench, from Wigtown, with oats; Martin, Hervice, from Dublin, with goods; Polly, Armour, from Liverpool, with ditto; Betty, Ferguſon, from Islay, with meal.—9. Friendſhip, Gowdie, from Wigtown, with oats. 10. John, Bowie, from Lochryan, with ditto; Jean and Betty, Carſtard, from Annan, with potatoes; Betty, Leitch, from Lairne, with limeſtones; Peggie, Moor, from Kirkcudbright, with meal.

SAILED, April 10. Lucy, Lawrie, for Newfoundland, with goods.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, APRIL 11.

Wheat,	25s.	0d.	23s.	0d.	22s.	0d.
Barley,	26	0	24	0	22	0
Oats,	20	3	18	0	16	0
Peaſe,	27	0	25	0	22	0

YOUNG POINTER LOST.

STOLEN or STRAYED from Milbank, near Calington, a YOUNG POINTER, about nine months old; his colour white, with large brown ſpots on his ſides and hinder part; both ſides of his head brown, with long brown ears; his front white, in the middle of which is a ſmall brown oval ſpot, and many very ſmall brown ſpots on his noſe. He anſwers to the name of MARS.—Any perſon who will bring the ſaid pointer to John Balfour bookſeller in Edinburgh, ſhall be properly rewarded.

PANTHEON.

THURSDAY laſt, the Queſtion,—"Do Mankind ſuffer more from "*real* or *imaginary* Evils?" was determined, by a ſmall majority, for the *former*.

Upon Thurſday next, the following Queſtion will be agitated:—"*Does reading* NOVELS *tend more to* PROMOTE *or* INJURE *the cauſe of* "*virtue?*"

Tickets to be had at Mr SWAN's Shop, head of Carrubber's Cloſe, and, as uſual, of the Members.

N B. The Books kept by the Society having been examined by ſeveral reſpectable citizens, a report of the ſtate thereof will, upon Tueſday next, be lodged at the Ticket-office.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
BY ROBERT HAY, AUCTIONEER,

AT the Large Auction-room, eaſt wing of the Royal Exchange, upon Monday the 14th April, to begin at ten o'clock forenoon, and continue for that day only,

A variety of Silk and Mohair Shag Waiſtcoats, Silk Veſts, and a large parcel of low-priced Fancy Waiſtcoats, with a choice aſſortment of White Waiſtcoats, all to be put up in veſt quantities; being the ſtock of a perſon giving over dealing in theſe articles, therefore muſt all be poſitively ſold off.—N. B. The afternoon's ſale to begin at three o'clock.

SEED POTATOES.

JUST arrived from *England*, a parcel of fine RED NOB KIDNEY POTATOES in good order, and a ſmall quantity of SEED OATS.

Apply to William Sibbald and Company, Leith.

LEWIS HERRINGS.

TO BE SOLD, a ſmall Cargo of WELL-CURED HERRINGS, juſt arrived in the Sloop Sligo, from Stornaway, and preſently lying at the Coal-hill, Leith.

For particulars, enquire at the maſter on board.

Not to be repeated.

TWO HUNDRED POUNDS STERLING to be GAINED by the fortunate ADVENTURERS in

ALEXR. AITCHISON'S LOTTERY
Of Silver-Plate, Jewellery, and Hard-Wares.

A. AITCHISON reſpectfully informs the Nobility, Gentry, and others, who already are, or intend to become Adventurers in his Lottery, that the SECOND DRAWING will be held at the uſual hour and place, *this day three weeks*, being the *3d of May* next. Some people having ſtarted doubts, whether they will have as good a chance, now that that the firſt 400 Tickets are drawn, and one hundred pounds value of prizes delivered, as they would have had by adventuring ſooner, he aſſures them and the public, that the chances in every drawing are preciſely the ſame, and that there are twice as many prizes ſtill to be drawn, as were drawn on Saturday the 22d ult.

It need only be added, that the favourable chances in this Lottery, beſides the advantage of exchanging ſuch prizes as do not pleaſe, are, that

For one ſhilling may be gained	L. 1 0 0	For five ſhillings	10 0 0
For fifteen pence	2 10 0	For ten ſhillings	20 0 0
For half-a-crown	5 0 0	And for twenty ſhillings	30 0 0

Tickets 5s. and ſhares 2s. 6d. 15 pence and 1s. each, continue ſelling at his ſhop, South Side of Parliament-Square, Edinburgh, where ſchemes containing a particular account of the method of Drawing, for the information of Adventurers in the country, will be had *gratis*.

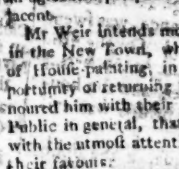
TO BE SOLD,
Altogether, or in ſeparate Houſes,

THE NEW LAND in the middle of Todrick's Wynd.

The third ſtorey poſſeſſed at preſent by Mr Weir, the proprietor, will be LET, if not ſold. It conſiſts of four rooms, cloſets, a kitchen, garret, and cellar. In the upper part is a ſmall greenhouſe and grotto, leading to an obſervatory, elegantly fitted up, and commanding an agreeable proſpect of the mouth of the Frith, and the country adjacent.

Mr Weir intends moving at Whitſunday next to St James's Square, in the New Town, where he propoſes, as uſual, carrying on his buſineſs of Houſe-painting, in all its branches. He cannot help ſeizing this opportunity of returning thanks to the Nobility and Gentry who have honoured him with their commands, and of aſſuring his friends and the Public in general, that their orders ſhall be executed on all occaſions, with the utmoſt attention and diſpatch, and hopes for a continuation of their favours.

A SLOOP FOR SALE.



To be SOLD by private bargain,
THE SLOOP
BELSIS,
THOMAS SMITH MASTER,
Now lying in Leith harbour, about 55 tons burthen, Stockton built, remarkably ſtrong, and of an eaſy draught of water.

For particulars apply to Mr Chriſtopher Wood merchant in Leith.

SEED TARES FROM FLANDERS,

OF the very beſt quality, to be ſold for ready money.—Apply to David Liddel, at the Old Smith and Wright Work Factory, near the Church in South Leith.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of DAVID TULLOA Maſon in Brechin.

JOHN SIEVWRIGHT writer in Brechin, in whoſe favours the ſaid David Tullos executed a truſt-diſpoſition of his whole real and perſonal eſtate, having formerly called meetings of his creditors, at which no reſolutions were formed, for bringing his ſubjects to ſale, or paying the creditors, gives notice, That he is informed the ſaid David Tullos has now left the kingdom. He therefore again hereby deſires the whole creditors of the ſaid David Tullos to meet by themſelves, or doers properly authoriſed, within the houſe of Colin Smith vintner in Brechin, upon Tueſday the 22d of April current, at eleven o'clock forenoon, that they may adopt ſuch meaſures as will ſpeedily bring their ſaid debtors ſubjects to ſale. And as there is now no time to delay, Mr Sievwright, by the advice of ſome of the creditors, intreats the whole creditors to attend the above meeting, as if they do not, the heritable ſubjects diſponed to him in truſt, will be immediately thereafter adverti ſed and ſold, for the benefit of all concerned.

ELGIN AND NAIRN.

THE Sheriff-depute of Elgin and Nairn hereby requires the Commiſſioners of Supply for theſe reſpective ſhires to meet and convene at Elgin and Nairn reſpectively, on Wedneſday the 30th day of April current, in order to chooſe their Collector and Clerk for the enſuing year, in terms of the act of Parliament.

ROSS-SHIRE CESS, &c.

THE Collector of the Ceſs, &c. for the County of Roſs, gives notice of there being an abſolute neceſſity, that the Ceſs 1782, with the duties on windows, and inhabited houſes for that year; and all arrears of former years be paid up on or before the 30th current, as the demands from the Receiver-general, are unommonly preſſing and threatening.—The Collector thinks it his duty, thus to put all on their guard who are due Ceſs, &c. 1782, and former arrears, that he may be free from blame, ſhould diſagreeable ſteps follow, which nothing but immediate payment can prevent.

The general meeting of the 30th April holds this year at Tain.

Not to be repeated.

By Order of the Sheriff-depute of Berwickſhire.

NOTICE is hereby given to all the Commiſſioners of Supply of this ſhire, That the firſt Meeting of the Commiſſioners of the Land-tax for the ſervice of the year 1783, is, by act of Parliament, appointed to be held at Greenlaw the head burgh of this Shire, upon Wedneſday the 30th day of April inſtant.

At this Meeting, all the accounts and reports from the ſeveral diſtricts of this county relative to the repairs of the highways for the preſent year are given and examined: And therefore it is expected that the ſurks of the ſeveral diſtricts will attend with theſe accounts for examination.

GORGIE PRINTING-FIELD,

NEAR EDINBURGH, 1783.

JAMES REID, and Co. continue to print Linen and Cotton Cloth for houſehold furniture, garments, &c. after the beſt manner.

Books containing great variety of new faſhionable patterns to be ſeen, and Cloths taken in for printing at Edinburgh, by

Meſſ. CHARLES ZAPLIN and Co. above the City Guard.

Mr THOMAS MICHIE merchant, head of Libberton's Wynd.

Mr Orr in Leith.
Mrs Stewart in Muſſelburgh.
Mr Young in Dalkeith.
Mr Wardlaw in Haddington.
Mr Wood, Gifford.
Mr James Manderſton in North Berwick.
Miſs Gilloch in Dunbar.
Mr Morriſon in Berwick.
Mr Gray in Dunſe.
Mr Fairly in Greenlaw.
Mr Fraſer in Kelſo.
Mr Hill in Jedburgh.
Mr Lamb in Selkirk.
Mr Martin Melroſe.
Mr Allan in Dumfries.
Mr Finlay in Lanark.
Mr Andrew Ferguſon merchant in Glaſgow.
Mr William Struthers merchant in Paiſley.
Mrs Scott merchant in Irvine.
Mr ſloag in Ayr.
Mr Thomas Ramſay in Maybole.
Mrs Watſon in Campbelton.
Mr Thomſon and Lamont, Greenock.
Miſs Baird in Stirling.
Mr Lithgow in Falkirk.
Mr William Heugh in Linlithgow
Mr Wilſon in Whitburn.
Mr Johnſton in Alloa.
Miſs Wardlaw in Dunfermline.
Mr Brown in Kirkcaldy.
Mr Heen in Leven.
Mr Young in Cupar of Fife.
Mr Swap in Dundee.
Mr Brand in Montroſe.
Mr Thomas Reat in Perth.
Mr [illegible] in Dunkeld.
Mr Tennent in Anſtruther.
Mrs Martin in Queenſferry.
And at the Printing-field.

N. B. Cloth returned with diſpatch carriage-free.

SET of TOLLS and REPAIR of ROADS.

THE TOLLS upliftable at the Bars of Gallowgate and Drygate, Broom-houſe, Quarry-head, Polkemit, and Long Livingſtone, Langlone, Parkhead, Garriongill, and Croſſgates, are to be Set by public roup, for one year, after the firſt day of June 1783, within the Court-hall of the Tolbooth of Glaſgow, upon Wedneſday the 7th day of May, at twelve o'clock mid-day.

And the Tolls upliftable at Strathaven Bar, are to be ſet by roup for the ſame period at Strathaven on Thurſday the firſt day of May.

The Truſtees on Shotts and Airdrie roads, invite all roadmakers betwixt and May next, to give in propoſals in writing for upholding the great Turnpike road from Glaſgow to Livingſtone, during the period of the preſent act of Parliament to their clerks, or John Muir of Greenhall their ſurveyor, who will inform as to particulars. Such offers as are given in and not accepted, will be kept concealed if deſired.

JAMES CUNISON, } Joint clerks,
JOHN BOYES, junr. }

FOR ſt PETERSBURGH,
THE BRIGANTINE
BETSEY AND BROTHERS,

LYING in Leith Harbour, taking in goods for the above port, and will ſail the 15th current.

For freight or paſſage outwards, apply to Meſſ. Peter and Francis Forreſter and Company, Leith, or Peter Forreſter and Company, Edinburgh.

FROM OPORTO,
THE New Brig MAGDALENA,

MICHAEL BACHOP COMMANDER,

Will be ready to take in wines at Oporto in a few weeks hence for Leith, and places adjacent; deliverable at Leith.

Merchants and others wiſhing to favour this veſſel with laſtage home, will pleaſe apply to Gavin Kempt and Company, Leith, or George Colvin and Company, Sealock.

FOR AMERICA,
The Brig MERCURY,

Captain GEORGE KNOWLES,

Is now lying to at Aberdeen, taking in goods and paſſengers for HALIFAX in Nova Scotia, and will be clear to ſail by the 1ſt of May. The veſſel is copper ſheathed, is a remarkable faſt ſailer, and has excellent accommodation for paſſengers.

For freight or paſſage apply to Meſſ. Sim and Robertſon, Aberdeen, or the Commander on board.

To be LET, Furniſhed or Unfurniſhed,
A HOUSE at UPPER HERMITAGE, near

Leith, conſiſting of a parlour, dining-room, four bed-rooms, kitchen, cellars, and Parterre planted with flowers and ſhrubs. It lies moſt conveniently for ſea-bathing, and commands a moſt extenſive proſpect of the country, and of the Frith. The entry to be the firſt of May.

For particulars, enquire at William Moriſon, Annexed Eſtates Office, Edinburgh.

Houſe and Parks at Inverеſk.

TO be SOLD or LET, and entered to immediately, the following SUBJECTS in Inverеſk, belonging to Mr Bucknall, viz.

A NEAT WELL-FINISHED HOUSE, conſiſting of eight rooms and a kitchen, with Stable, Couch-houſe, Byre, Waſhing-houſe, and Brew-houſe, and other conveniences, with a ſmall Garden.

A SMALL INCLOSURE, of about three acres, laid down with graſs-ſeeds laſt ſeaſon.

ANOTHER INCLOSURE, of about five acres, old graſs.

And a THIRD INCLOSURE, of about 3½ acres, alſo old Graſs.

For particulars, apply to Robert Stewart writer in Edinburgh. The ſervant at the houſe will ſhow the houſe, offices, and garden; and John Douglas wright will ſhow the parks.

PRESTONHALL TO LET.

To be Let, for ſuch a number of years as can be agreed on.

THE MANSION-HOUSE of PRESTONHALL, furniſhed; together with the offices, pigeon-houſe, gardens, and what extent of graſs grounds my family may have occaſion for.—This is a moſt agreeable and convenient reſidence, being within ten miles of Edinburgh, adjoining to the Poſt road to London, and well appointed for coal and markets.

Thoſe who wiſh to view the place, may apply to David Wilſon at Reſemains of Preſtonhall, who will give information to every other particular required.

A COUNTRY HOUSE TO LET.

TO be LET, and entered to at Whitſunday firſt, the Manſion-houſe of CRAIGNOOK, with a ſtable ſervants houſe, and pigeon-houſe. There is a garden well ſtocked with fruit-trees, and orchard containing three acres of fine old graſs. This houſe lies two miles from Edinburgh, on the road to the Queenſferry, and will be ſhown by Mrs Kay the preſent poſſeſſor.

For particulars apply to Claud Inglis merchant, Luckenbooths, Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD, in the Parish of CRAMOND,
THE MANSION-HOUSE, Offices, Pigeon-houſe, and Garden of WHITEHOUSE,

In a pleaſant, healthy ſituation, within half a mile of the ſea, and near the village of Upper Cramond; with about thirty-one acres of Land, all incloſed, and lying contiguous to the houſe.

The premiſſes are in good repair, and fit for the immediate reception of a Gentleman's family.—For farther particulars, enquire at Barnton Houſe, or at Mr David Johnſton brewer in Corſtorphine.

N. B. If the above is not ſold, the Houſe, &c. with nine acres of the Land, will be LET at Whitſunday next.

To be SOLD, by private bargain,
TEN SCOTS ACRES of the Dam of Fallaws or Myre of Balbeuchly,

in the parish of Strathmartine, and ſhire of Forfar, containing BEDS of MARLE of different depths, in ſingle acres, or in whole, as purchaſers may incline.

The Miſt-dam which kept the marle under water, was removed, and the ground drained at great expence ſeveral years ago; ſince which, a ſmall part of the marle has been wrought, and acceſs may be had to what remains immediately.

There is a houſe built on the ground, and the ſoil is naturally good, bearing excellent graſs for paſture, and may be improved to advantage in culture, both before and after working the marle.

Mr William Lyon at Dulhope will ſhow the marle, and is impowered to conclude a bargain.

Whaleſiſhing Company Shares, and Tack of Houſe and Park to be ſold.

THERE is to be SOLD by public roup, on Wedneſday the 30th day of April curt. (inſtead of Tueſday the 15th, as formerly adverti ſed) within the Exchange Coffeehouſe in Edinburgh, between five and ſix afternoon,

TWO SHARES of the CAPITAL STOCK of the EAST-LOTHIAN and MERSE-WHALE FISHING COMPANY. Alſo, a TACK of the Park called CRUSTER or RUDDIEAR PARK, near Cranſton, on the eaſt ſide of the turnpike road leading from Edinburgh to Blackſhiell, a little beyond the nine-mile ſtone, whereof there is 31 years to run after Whitſunday 1783. The park conſiſts of about thirty acres, is preſently ſubſet at 20 l. Sterling of yearly rent. The rent payable to the proprietor is only 4 l. 3 s. 11 d. Sterling, ſo the tackſman has 15 l. 16 s. 8 d. free of all deductions.

There is a good houſe built by the tackſman, of four rooms beſides garrets, and a ſet of good offices.

For farther particulars, apply to James Keay writer, Prince's ſtreet, Edinburgh.

SUBJECTS IN EDINBURGH.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in the Britiſh Coffeehouſe, upon Thurſday the 24th day of April current,

I. That DWELLING-HOUSE in that ſtone tenement of land at the back of the Weigh-houſe, being the top ſtorey and garret, conſiſting of three rooms, two garret rooms, lumber garret, kitchen, and coal-houſe, preſently poſſeſſed by Alexander M'Pherſon writer.

II. That DWELLING-HOUSE entering by the ſcale ſtair at the firſt turn of the Weſt Bow, and by the Stinking Cloſe, conſiſting of four rooms, kitchen, and cellars, in the fore court, preſently poſſeſſed by Alexander Cunninghame painter, with a large area or piece of ground to the ſouth of ſaid houſe; alſo a cellander houſe, poſſeſſed by Samuel Morton; ſtable poſſeſſed by Mr Roſs Advocate; and large old houſe at the bottom of ſaid area, poſſeſſed by James Thomſon founder, entering by the Stinking Cloſe; the whole very fit for a wright or ſlater's yard, or for building thereon.

III. That DWELLING-HOUSE and BACK COURT, entering from the ſaid ſcale ſtair, conſiſting of five rooms, kitchen, and cloſet, with a back court and cellar, preſently poſſeſſed by James Welſh jeweller, with a garret in the top of ſaid tenement.

IV. That DWELLING-HOUSE entering both from the ſaid ſcale ſtair, and by the Stinking Cloſe, conſiſting of three rooms, kitchen, coal-houſe, cloſet, and two cellars below the ſame, preſently poſſeſſed by Mrs Ker; with the large area and old houſe at the bottom thereof, preſently poſſeſſed as a ſlate yard by John Ritchie ſlater, and compting-houſe at the entry to ſaid ſlate yard, poſſeſſed by Preſton tailor. The whole area is well incloſed, and very fit for a wright or ſlate yard.

V. That TENEMENT of LAND at the head of Douglas's Cloſe, Cowgate head, preſently poſſeſſed by John Fowler; and ſtables in ſaid cloſe, poſſeſſed by Peter Ewart and James Muirhead.

VI. That DWELLING-HOUSE in the middle of the Old Aſſembly Cloſe, entering from the ſecond court, being the top ſtorey, conſiſting of four rooms, kitchen, pantry, and cloſets, preſently poſſeſſed by Mrs Wilkie.

VII. That TENEMENT of LAND fronting the Cowgate, over the foot of Old Aſſembly Cloſe, and entering by the turnpike from the ſtreet, and by the firſt turnpike within the cloſe, preſently poſſeſſed by Sutherland, and others.

VIII. Theſe THREE TENEMENTS of LAND, lying on the weſt ſide of the Old Aſſembly Cloſe, the one entering by the firſt turnpike, the ſecond by a ſtair from the cloſe, and the third from the firſt court, poſſeſſed by a great number of ſmall tenants.

The articles of ſale, and progreſs of writs, to be ſeen in the hands of Andrew Carmichael writer in Edinburgh.

A FARM IN FIFESHIRE TO LET.

TO be LET for ſuch a number of years as ſhall be agreed upon, and entered to at Michaelmas next,

The Farm of UPPER FRIERTON, in the pariſh of Forgan and county of Fife, pleaſantly ſituated within a mile of the ferry to Dundee about five miles from St Andrew's, and the like diſtance from Cupar, the county town. This farm contains upwards of 140 Scots acres, wholly arable, whereof 100 acres are incloſed, and ſubdivided in fields of different dimenſions, and moſt of the incloſures are in a fenceable condition.

Propoſals may be given in to Mrs Syme of Upper Frierton, or to Oliver Gourlay at Craigrothie, and the offers not accepted will be concealed if deſired. Not to be repeated.

LANDS IN THE ISLAND OF ISLAY TO LET.

THE Eſtate of SUNDERLAND, under ſequeſtration, is to be Set by public roup, for three years from Whitſunday 1783. The roup to be held at Bowmore in Iſlay on the 9th day of May next, to begin at one o'clock afternoon,

The Eſtate is propoſed to be Let in the following lots, viz.

I. CUILL, with the pendicle called Machrie.

II. CULERARACH.

III. The very extenſive Farm and Graſing of CLADVILL, with the whole pendicles and pertinents.

IV. The Farm of SUNDERLAND, including Sunderland Park.

V. The Lands of FORLAND, being a pendicle of the Lands of Sunderland.

Theſe lands are well known to be very extenſive, of the beſt quality and famous for rearing black cattle.

John M'Intyre at Coul, who was overſeer to the late Sunderland of Sunderland, will ſhow the grounds; and any perſons deſirous to be informed of the preſent rent, or other particulars, may apply to John Macniel writer in Inverary, factor on the eſtate, or to James Fraſer writer to the ſignet in Edinburgh.

Lands in the Shires of Roxburgh and Berwick.

TO be SOLD, the Lands and Eſtate of GREENKNOW, and Town and Lands of WEST GORDON, and Mill thereof, lying in the pariſh of Gordon and ſhire of Berwick.

The eſtate conſiſts of upwards of 2300 acres, of a good ſoil, and capable of great improvement, and is conveniently ſituated within a few miles of the towns of Kelſo, Lauder, Melroſe, and Greenlaw.

The preſent rental of the eſtate, after deduction of miniſter's ſtipend and ſchoolmaſter's ſalary, amounting together to 2 l. 7 s. 5 d. is 440 l. 5 s. 11½ d. Part of the lands hold of the Crown, and part hold blench of the Duke of Gordon.

Alſo, theſe Lands of MAXTON, poſſeſſed by David Ballantyne and Walter Nicol, tenants thereof, lying within the pariſh of Maxton and ſhire of Roxburgh. The lands conſiſt of 280 acres or thereby, whereof about 196 were infield before the diviſion of the town and territory of Maxton. They lie near the turnpike road betwixt Melroſe and Jedburgh, are of good quality, and may be much improved.

For particulars apply to Archibald Gibſon writer to the ſignet, who will ſhow the rentals and title-deeds.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Glaſgow, on Wedneſday the 23d April curt. between the hours of twelve and two mid-day,

The LANDS of DALMARNOCK, NEW-LANDS, and KONNYHILL,

lying in the neighbourhood of Glaſgow, and lately pertaining to Mr Gray of Dalmarnock.

For further particulars, apply to Gilbert Hamilton merchant in Glaſgow, or Patrick Robertſon writer there.

☞ Such of the creditors who have not yet produced their grounds of debt, with an affidavit to the verity thereof, are deſired immediately to ſend the ſame to Mr Hamilton the truſtee.

LANDS IN ROXBURGH SHIRE TO SELL.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the Exchange Coffee-houſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 23d day of April curt. betwixt the hours of five and ſeven o'clock afternoon,

The Half-barony of Wilton, called LANDS,

lying in the pariſh of Wilton, and county of Roxburgh. Theſe lands are pleaſantly ſituated on the banks of the Tivlot, within half a mile of the town of Hawick, an induſtrious thriving village, to which there is an eaſy communication by bridges.

The Eſtate is all incloſed and ſubdivided, the fences in good order; and there is a good deal of young timber upon the eſtate, very thriving; and it affords a freehold qualification.

There is an excellent garden upon the premiſſes of ſomething more than two acres, well ſtocked with the beſt fruit-trees.

The plan of the eſtate is in the hands of Sir Francis Elliott of Stobs Baronet, near Hawick. And the rental, progreſs, and conditions of ſale are to be ſeen with Cornelius Elliott writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh. James Kyle gardener at Langlands will ſhow the grounds.

CASTLESTEWART ESTATE.

TO be Sold by public roup or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 24th day of June 1783, at five o'clock afternoon,

LOT I.—The Lands and Barony of RAVENSTOUN, now called CASTLESTEWART, and the Eight Merk Land of DOWALTOUN, lying in the pariſhes of Glaſſerton and Sorby, and county of Wigton, conſiſting of 2648 acres or thereby, and paying 104 l. ſterling of yearly rent, which riſes during the currency of the preſent leaſes to above 106 l.

On this eſtate (which is all ſubſtantially incloſed and ſubdivided) there is a large commodious modern manſion houſe, with ſuitable offices, all in good repair; alſo fine gardens and an extenſive policy, laid out in the beſt taſte, with a great deal of young planting, very thriving.

This eſtate is capable of great improvement, having plenty of marle upon it. About 500 acres, lying round the manſion houſe, are preſently out of leaſe. The eſtate holds of the Crown, and affords no leſs than eight clear qualifications (on the old extent) for electing a member in parliament, and the tithes are valued.

LOT II.—The Lands and Barony of DUCHRAE, lying in the pariſh of Balmaghie and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, conſiſting of 2430 acres or thereby, and paying 416 l. of yearly rent.—To be ſold either in cumulo, or in the following parcels, viz.

1ſt, The Mains of Duchrae, and the Lands of Ulliok, and Meikle and Little Craigs, about 773 acres, as preſently poſſeſſed by Samuel and David M'Clellans, at 135 l. 2 s. ſterling.

2d, Drumglaſs, Tornoroch, and Meikle and Little Duchrae, about 884 acres, as preſently poſſeſſed by James M'Conochy, at 145 l. ſterling.

3d, Urioch, Clonie, and Miſt of Duchrae, about 637 acres, as preſently poſſeſſed by Andrew M'Min, at 108 l. 19 s. 2 d.

And, laſtly, Drumbreck, about 137 acres, as preſently poſſeſſed by William M'Kenzie, at 20 l. 9 s. 10 d.

The barony of Duchrae holds of the Crown, and ſtands rated in the ceſs books at 923 l. 6 s. 8 d. Scots. It lies on the river Dee, by which, and a canal from the loch of Carlingwork, marle of the beſt quality for improving the grounds is eaſily got at a cheap rate.

There is a wood on this eſtate, which at laſt cutting, in 1768, ſold for 400 l. ſterling; and there is alſo another wood preſently fit for cutting, worth about 100 l.

The tenants pay all the public and pariſh burdens over and above their rents. The tithes are valued, and the purchaſer will have right to them.

LOT III. A HOUSE and GARDEN in the Town of WIGTON, as preſently poſſeſſed by Mrs Iſabel Stewart, at the rent of 5 l. ſterling.

LOT IV. A HOUSE in the Town of WHITHORN, as preſently poſſeſſed by Mrs Muir, at the rent of 15 s. ſterling.

The title-deeds, rentals, current leaſes, plans of the eſtates, and conditions of ſale, are to be ſeen in the hands of John Hunter writer to the ſignet, to whom, or to Alexander Farquharſon accomptant in Edinburgh, (who has power to conclude a private bargain,) perſons inclining to purchaſe may apply; and Mr Samuel M'Caul at Corſby, near Newtonſtewart, will ſhow the lands.

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